

outlet port for allowing said liquid to exit said valve body, and at least two other of said ports [which may function] capable of functioning as either inlet or outlet ports with respect to said liquid after said liquid has entered said valve body;

a plurality of chambers in said valve body, each one of said ports opening into an associated one of said chambers;

a tortuous network of channels in said valve body, each one of said channels extending between two of said chambers to provide communication therebetween; and

a plurality of diverter valves, each one of said valves interposed in the path of an associated one of said channels;

wherein liquid entering any one of said ports encounters one of said chambers and sections of three of said channels which lead to three of said diverter valves thereby permitting the valve assembly to be fully drained.

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-20 are pending and stand finally rejected. Claim 1 has been amended herein.

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to provide proper antecedent basis for the "at least two other port" elements, and to eliminate the indefinite term "may". No amendments have been made for the purpose of distinguishing over the prior art of record.